

Appln. No. 10/024,802
Amendment dated February 17, 2004
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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 1 through 21 and 27 through 32 remain in this application. Claims 22 through 26 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn or added.

Claims 1 through 12, 19 through 25, and 28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C §102(b) as being anticipated by Whiteis (U.S. Patent No. 3, 108,302).

Claims 22 through 25 have been cancelled.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 26, which was indicated as being allowable in the Office Action, and therefore claim 1, as well as the claims that depend from claim 1, are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C §102(b) rejection of claims 1 through 12 19 through 21, and 28 is therefore respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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